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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Addendum

Humanitarian programmes

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 91/17 of 25 June 1991,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations system,

Recognizing the mandate which has been given to the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs to serve as the central coordinating body for United Nations humanitarian assistance.

Noting the support provided by the United Nations Development Programme's Humanitarian Programme to the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in the early stages of the Under-Secretary-General's work,

Noting also the General Assembly's emphasis on the continuum from relief to rehabilitation and development, its call for increased attention to development-oriented disaster mitigation measures as well as its decision that, in support of the efforts of the affected countries, the resident coordinator should normally coordinate the humanitarian assistance of the United Nations system at the country level,

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Noting further that humanitarian assistance should normally be provided in a way which is not to the detriment of resources made available for international cooperation for development,

Stressing that the primary mandate of the United Nations Development Programme is development, aimed at capacity-building,

Noting the important role of the United Nations Volunteers programme in humanitarian assistance,

1. Notes the work of the United Nations Development Programme's Humanitarian Programme as reported by the Administrator in document DP/1992/19;

2. Notes further the ongoing work of the United Nations Development Programme and the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator in implementing the Disaster Management Training Programme as well as the General Assembly's call for the Training Programme to be strengthened and broadened;

3. Encourages the Administrator to work closely with the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the relevant United Nations relief organizations so as to enhance their coordinated approach to the continuum from relief to rehabilitation to reconstruction in accordance with the mandate of the Department as a developmental organ;

4. Also notes the joint consultative mechanism on returnee reintegration programmes established by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme, with the participation of the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme;

5. Requests the Administrator, jointly with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, to develop more structured working relationships between the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs;

6. Requests the Administrator, in coordination with the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs, to undertake consultations with government organizations established for the purpose of disaster prevention and response;

7. Urges the Administrator to cooperate fully with the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs in formulating a detailed, comprehensive United Nations humanitarian assistance plan specifying the respective roles and outlining the comparative advantages of the United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations organs and bodies, in all aspects of humanitarian emergency-related assistance, including disaster-prevention, preparedness and mitigation activities, refugee assistance and other elements within the continuum from relief to rehabilitation and development;

8. Emphasizes the need for the United Nations Development Programme to develop a clear strategy on linking emergency assistance and sustainable development efforts;

9. Requests the Administrator to develop further the United Nations Development Programme's capacities to promote the transition from relief to development and to make rapid implementation of reintegration programmes, particularly quick impact projects, a priority objective in its future humanitarian programmes;

10. Emphasizes the need for the United Nations Development Programme to assist, within its mandate, with the planning of recovery and sustainable development measures at an early stage in emergency relief activities;

11. Approves the extension of the United Nations Development Programme's Humanitarian Programme, with approved staffing from the regular budget, to cover the balance of the 1992-1993 biennium, while noting the intention of the Administration to 1 L5 and 1 L4 post to the Special Programme Resources on a temporary basis until the end of the 1992-1993 biennium;

12. Stresses that the plan specified in paragraph 8 above will be a critical factor in deciding on any further United Nations Development Programme activities and other administrative arrangements in this field beyond the current biennium;

13. Requests the Administrator to report on the implementation and impact of this decision to the Governing Council at its fortieth session (1993) in the framework of his annual report.